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2025 Church Text: I pray that you, being rooted and firmly established in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth of God's Love. Ephesians 3 v17 & 18

Sunday 17th August 2025



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10.30am

Revd. Simon Russell

All Age Service

6.30pm

Resonate @ St Philip's Church

Monday 18th August

Monday Prayers 19.00 – 19.45

Tuesday 19th August

Table Tennis 10.00 – 12.00

Joyful Noise 19.00 – 21.00

Thursday 21st August

Summer Coffee Pot 10.30 – 12.00

Communion 11.00

Ukulele Group 18.30 – 19.30

Friday 22nd August

Toddler Group 09.30 – 11.30

Beginner's Ukulele 14.15 – 15.00

Sunday 24th August

10.30am

Revd. Andy Gore

Freddie and Nancy's

BIG Day

All Age Service

4pm

Mr Don Brennan

Café Church

As most of us know Pam Wass recently lost another family member to Motor Neurone Disease.

In support of Pam and in memory of Kirsty & Jo, today, Sunday there will be a second offering to enable people to donate to the MND Association.

None of us can be unaware of the devastation and suffering caused to MND patients and their family, and the MND Association are desperately seeking ways to treat and combat the disease to improve the lives of those who develop MND.

Pam Wass wishes to express heartfelt thanks for all the love, prayers, and support she has received from the fellowship during this heartbreaking time of bereavement.

Letter of the Week

Monday (18th August)
Acts 1 verses 1 – 14

Tuesday (19th August):
Acts 1 verses 15 – 26

Wednesday (20th August):
Acts 2 verses 1 – 21

Thursday (21st August):
Acts 2 verses 22 – 36

Friday (22nd August):
Acts 2 verses 37 – 47

Saturday (23rd August):
Acts 3 verses 1 – 10

"Eat this book"

"What do you think Paul and James is saying to you today?"

The poem Norman mentioned in the service on Sunday.

The Weaver Poem by
Grant Colfax Tullar
(1869 – 1950)



My life is but a weaving
between my God and me,
I do not choose the colours,
He worketh steadily.

Oft' times He weaveth sorrow,
and I in foolish pride,
Forget He sees the upper,
and I the underside.

Not till the loom is silent,
and shuttles cease to fly,
Will God unroll the canvas
and explain the reason why.

The dark threads are as needful
in the skilful Weaver's hand
As the threads of gold and silver
in the pattern He has planned.

COME TO BREAKFAST!



We would like to invite you to
our church breakfast on
Saturday 30th August 2025
9.30 - 11.00am

We would love to see you there.
If you can make it, please contact
Sharon

There will also be a sign up sheet in the church porch that you can use instead and to let us know of any dietary requirements

Have you a space in your car?



We are very grateful to everyone who gives lifts to people to come to church on a Sunday morning. I know that through your kindness people's lives are blessed beyond measure. At this moment there is no formal structure or rota for organising lifts apart from people giving impromptu offers or being asked on an individual basis. I know that this has worked very well but at the same time

on behalf of the pastoral team we would like to make a number of proposals:

1 We would like someone to be willing to act as lift coordinator to ensure that there are enough lifts for those who need them.

2 We would like to ask everyone who drives if they would be willing to offer a lift which does not need to be every week.

3 We would like to know who are those who need a lift.

If you able to help with this please see either myself or Gill Smith.

Thanks, Andy



Outing to Old Moor RSPB Reserve. An outing is being organised by The Eco Group to Old Moor on:

Tuesday 26th August. Meet at church at 9.30am.

You can either bring a picnic or make use of the excellent cafe on site. It is a brilliant site for all ages. For the young ones there is an Adventure Playground, wild play areas, a special family hide. You can hire discovery backpacks and there are family trails and activity sheets. You can also hire pond dipping kits. The hides are also accessible for wheelchairs and pushchairs and motorised mobility scooters can be booked in advance. Please let me know if you plan to go – Margaret



Coffee Pot and Thursday Morning Communion

Since the beginning of the year the much smaller Coffee Pot team has struggled to do what it loves to do, which is to provide a space for people to come and find friendship and faith. Both of these happen on a Thursday morning with Coffee Pot and Thursday Morning Communion. One of the hardest things in church is to recognise when either you have to stop or the ministry does. It is with immense gratitude to Sandra Wood and Vicki Lax for how they have served us as a church and to recognise the hard decision they have made to step down.

With the news that Coffee Pot was most likely going to shut a number of people have spoken to me how they would wish it to continue it, but to do so in a new format so that there will still continue to be a space for friendship and faith on a Thursday morning.

If you have a heart for this then please speak to me, so that we move to a team which will function in a very different way to how the Coffee Pot team worked in the past.

Thanks,
Andy

**Christian Aid Book
sale –
4 October 2025**



Just a gentle reminder of the above so that books you no longer require can be donated to us. Jigsaws are very popular too.

No hard backed books please, unless they are recent ones. No Christian text ones, CDs or DVDs please. Items should be in good condition.

We look forward to seeing you at this event too to refresh your library and sample coffee, tea and homemade cakes. This is the biggest item of the year for Christian Aid locally, so please donate generously. There is so much need in the world at present.

Ray T

Thought of the Week

Dearest Lord,
teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve You as You deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for reward
save that of knowing I am doing Your
Will.

Above is a well-known prayer usually attributed to St Ignace Loyala and connected to his brand of spirituality, it is a prayer to be generous. These past weeks we have seen people being generous in their time and energy with the support for holiday club and DTI, filling in for others and so on. But we are humans and can grow weary of

being generous, of giving, of standing up for Christ, of toiling away and not always being recognised

When I read this prayer, I struggle with 'not to count the cost' and 'not to heed the wounds' because we live in a society that believes in being prepared – From going on holidays, to pension provision, which seems admirably sensible. Therefore, what is this prayer saying?

It is pointing to something much deeper about a decision around life style, priorities and identity. It is emphasizing finding God in all things, living generously, and discerning God's will through reflection and prayer. The spirituality behind the prayer, encourages a deep, personal relationship with God and a commitment to serving others. No longer are we there for merely ourselves but for the communities we belong to and the ones we encounter. It is not a call to abandon all our plans and provisions for the future but to put them into the perspective of God's calling on our lives, what can I give says the old hymn and the answer to that will have a difference according to our situations and our mission filed.

So, as we say this prayer let us re-new our commitment to be as generous as we can in our pilgrimage with God.

Simon R

Church Freezer:

The beginning of September will see the first three months of naming and dating produce in the church freezer. There has been a fabulous effort by those using this facility, thank you. We have some products currently in the freezer, that have not been named or dated. Please use, name or remove soon!



Many thanks
Gilli

Cafe Church:

This wonderful service continues throughout the summer and is open to all ages young and old. A simple sandwich, crisps, cake and pudding spread is provided and special diets catered for.



Do come and join us. August 24th at 4.00pm with our very own Don.